

Northern Spring Peeper

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Identification: 3/4" - 1 3/8". The Spring Peeper is marked by a dark-colored 'X' on the back, on a ground color of olive, brown, gray, or yellow. This frog has round toe pads, with relatively little webbing between toes.

Where to find them: Inhabits a variety of habitats and breeds in almost any body of fresh water.

When to find them: Breeds from early March through May. Males call on warm, rainy days outside of breeding season.

Voice: *Peep, peep, peep, peep*—the call sounds like a high-pitched chirpy whistle. The single note repeated in well-defined intervals can be deafening when there is a full chorus of hundreds of individuals.

Range: Entire state. Abundant.

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Key Features

- Color varies, but a dark, imperfect "X" is almost always visible on the back regardless of the ground color.
- Round toe pads with little webbing on the feet.



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